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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 February 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4,6-21,23-30,32,33 and 35-39 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4,6-9,21,23-30,33 and 35-37 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 10-20,32,38 and 39 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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1. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

2. Claims 38 and 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 38-39 are directed to machine logic tangibly embodied in hardware, which do not include any means plus function within the hardware, and therefore do not fall into any category of statutory subject matter.

3. Claims 10-20 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 10, lines 5-8, it is confusing for reciting “**resetting a maximum data packet size of the network path from the sending point to the receiving point based on the determined size of the data packet** transmitted over the network path “ since the determination of a transmitted data packet size alone cannot be used for resetting a maximum data packet size without comparing to other parameter(s). Furthermore, it is also improper for resetting a parameter/value without initialization of the parameter/value.

In claim 13, lines 1-2, “the determination of the maximum packet size” lacks antecedent basis.

In claim 17, it is missing an essential step of “along the network path, generating at least a fragment of the data message from the data message”. Lines 6-7, it is confusing for reciting “based on the determination, adjusting a maximum packet size between sending and receiving points” since the determination of a fragment size alone cannot be used for resetting a maximum

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packet size without comparing to other parameter(s). Furthermore, it is also improper for resetting a parameter/value without initialization of the parameter/value.

In claim 32, line 3, "the maximum packet size" lacks antecedent basis.

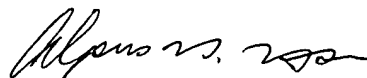
4. Claims 1-4, 6-9, 21, 23-30, 33, 35-37 are allowed.
5. Claims 10-20 and 32 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.
6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alpus H. Hsu whose telephone number is (571)272-3146. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (5:30-3:00) First Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wellington Chin can be reached on (571)272-3134. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alpus H. Hsu".

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Primary Examiner
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